- In the rush of the merry morning. When the red burns through the gray, And the wintry world lies waiting For the glory of the day,
- Then we hear a fitful rushing Just without upon the stair, See two white phantoms coming, Catch the gleam of sunny hair.
- Are they Christmas fairles stealing Rows of little socks to fill?
- Are they angels floating hither With their message of good will? What sweet spell these elves are weaving. As like tarks they chirp and sing; Is it paims of peace from heaven
- Rosy feet upon the threshold, Eager faces peeping through, With the first red ray of sunshine, Chanting cherubs come in view:

That these lovely spirits bring?

- Mistictue and gleaming holly, Symbols of a blessed day, In their clintony hands they carry,
- Streaming all along the way. Well we know them, never weary Of this innocent nurprise: Waltery, watching, listening always,
- With full hearts and lender eyes, While our little household angels, White and golden in the sun. Greet us with the sweet old welcome

Marry Christmas, every one.

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His Kevenge A Christmas Story

It was Christmas Eve that year when John Maxwell went away to make his mark in this world. Alice Tower was just eighteen. They had been lovers for a few years and were augured that he would make them hoarse when he spoke, and six months more and Alice had she here? Is this dress for me "

pain or pleasure. When John had bid- ten meden her good-by the thought of his reand twenty? Surely, when one had

gave them its farewell kiss.

. But a brighter red stole into the toiled all his life in search of a glitrounded cheek as a well-known step drew nearer, and a shadow for which the apple trees were not responsible was thrown beside hers.

"Good evening, Miss Alice," said a cheery voice. "I thought that I should find you here. The evening is too

lovely for indoor life.' 'Yes," she answered, "it is very

"As it should be," he added, in lower, more impressive tones, "to grace your presence. Alice," he continued throwing himself on the ground beside her, "shall I tell you why I am so glad to find you here? Because it seems the most fitting place to tell you something else, which, though you must already know, it is fit that I should put into words. They are poor words, darling. I am not versed in eloquence; and even were I, here eloquence might stammer. But they are words old as the world itself. 'I love you: I have but one hope in life. and that is, that you will share it. It is not much that I can offer you, dear Perhaps I should say wait, before I take you from your comfortable home. But yet, why should I. If you love me, you will stand bravely by my side. share its sunshing. Alice, what your answer? Will you be my wife?"

girl had tried to check the torrent of Lis words. He had out caught the little, detaining hand in his own strong palm and held it tightly. The small hear had drooped lower. A short, gasping sob was in her throat, letting no word find its way there. What was she to do? Two years ago she had given another promise; two years of toil and acmesickness had been endured for her sake; but for six months she had heard nothing. Perhaps John had forgotten her-as ab, she had almost added, "as she had forgotten him." But of John Deni-Dexter knew nothing, and Dent Dexter she loved. So it was, that when, half wondering at her long silence he again repeated his question, she simply raised to him the sweet, fair face, and content with what he read there. he stooped and pressed his first kiss upon the young red lips.

Curiously enough, their wedding day was set for Christmas Day, the third anniversary of John Maxwell's leave-taking. Dent wanted the event fixed for a nearer date. Alice was persistent. Perhaps she had a special reason for fixing the time so far ahead. Poor John Maxwell! Maybe she thought of him.

In all these weeks she had told him nothing of John. Somehow she could not gather courage to frame the words. And John had forgotten her. He would never know. It was better that he should not. Love is ever jealous, and he might upbraid her, or think even while he had won her that she might prove inconstant to him as

for a bride to don her wedding dress by the wind.

PHANTOMS OF CHRISTMAS MORN. | before the wedding day, It was all nonsense. Alice thought, as later, she stood before her mirror and saw reflected there her own form clad in its

> white silken robes. Poor John! She wished she had not thought of him, as she stood in her heavy tonight. It was this which oppressed her so.

The little maid entered.

at her door.

you immediate, Miss." the large, old-fashioned lamp on the

form, a man who rose impetuously to

his feet as she entered.

With a smile upon her lips and to her eyes, and a bright spot of scarlet in her cheeks, she tripped across the floor and turned the lamp so that its light streamed full upon her, then looked up into Dent's face to see the look of love and admiration gathering there looked to find it not Dent, but some one who, for a moment, seemed a stranger-some one whose face was bronzed and bearded, but with a strange pallor gathering on it as he now engaged. Something that she had looked in vain for the words of love said to him about the quality of the and recognition which did not comepresent he brought to her on Christ- looked from her own paling face, from mas Eve piqued him. "Two years the dying spots of scarlet in her from now," he said, "I will come back cheek, to the silken train which to claim you. Then I will be a rich swept the floor in its purity, and the man." These had been John Max- orange flowers she had fastened in her well's last words, and there had been breast. Yes, she knew him now. It a fire in his eye, and certain lines of was John, come home to claim her determination about his mouth which for his very own. His voice was very

Sitting under the old apple tree one "Two years were such a long while, flower farmers who raise large quanwarm May afternoon, she idly won- For six months I had not heard. I titles of perfumes. The government is Cered whether his silence gave her thought you were dead, or had forgot- encouraging this movement, and the

turn had been the sustaining power "We leave that to the women who un- states are found exceptionally favormoment of his departure, do us. Six months! And it seemed able conditions for this profitable in-Though sue had shed hitter tears over to you a long time to wait. Child, do dustry. California, too, it is thought. the story of his many failures; though you know what I have endured for she had received with gladuess the the reward of this moment? What knowledge of his first successes, was hunger, toil, privation, homesicknationed for letters that did not come, for ever behind them all was the years but in experience. Did it not love with a price. You may accept it. make the difference between eighteen daring, without fear. It has been purified through fire.' And when, six Ah! Alice would not whisper to her the long hardships had done their own thoughts that there had been an- work. For months I was at Death's other teacher, that not so easy would door, unable to write, or to let others have been the lesson of forgetfulness | write. Then, when I grew stronger had not another lesson been conned in I said: 'I will wait until I can go to its stead. It was all a bewildering ber. You were sheltereed, cared for equally profitable -- Memphis Commer maze in the little head under the happy aye, I was so mad as to think | cial Appeal. masses of rich brown hair, with just praying for me-I even thanked God a glint of red among them as the sun that your prayers had restored my life and reason. I am as the man who tering diamond, and when at length he picked it up triumphant, he discovered it to be a piece of shining glass."

"John, John! Forgive me," she pleaded, clinging with both hands to his arm, her face upturned in its pale beauty to his. I loved you then. Be-

lieve me, I loved you then." Through the open window stole her words, paralyzing the form of an unseen listener, who had at that moment appeared upon the scene. What did it

He heard not the man's answering words-"Forgive you? Never!"-but saw only his last, mad, passionate embrace as he snatched her unresisting form in his arms and covered her face with kisses which seemed half hatred and half love, then released her and went out into the night.

into John Maxwell's hand, and, as he in winter. Geronimo is said to be 80 tore it open, the strong man trembled years old. He does not know his age. like a child. He had grown calmer He was with Victoria when that chiefsince the night previous, though all tain went against the Mexicans.-Dethe joy and lightness had died out of troit Free Fress. his life

"You have had your revenge," she "The man I was to marry saw you take me in your arms, and heard me say that I had loved you. Perhaps and we will share whatever storms I deserved my punishment, but it is very Trans-Siberian railway has made it a bitter. You left me two years. If you had loved me you would not have done far more formidable competitor than have a great many novel features. It is learned to love another. I no longer ask you to forgive me, since you have wreaked upon me your revenge."

Ah, it had come at last. Once the blank and desolate before him. For of £2,500,000. The supply of butter a moment he felt a wild joy that so which Siberia can furnish is said to hers might prove. The next, after a brief struggle, his manhood conquered. His revenge should be something nobler than a girl's wrecked life -something which, after long and lonely years, he might recall without a blush of shame.

Dent Dexter was alone in the cottage he had prepared for his bride. sitting with bowed head, when John Maxwell sought him out. The interview between them was very brief but for an instant, as they parted, their hands met in a long, silent clasp. One man had given happiness-one had renounced it. So the wedding day was not postponed, but Alice's fingers trembled as she again fastened her wedding dress, and tears dimmed her eyes as she bent to fasten the orange blossoms in her breast on

Christmas Eve. back to his heart and home, that somehow all had been explained to him; but quite how it all happened she never knew until, a year later, her husband bent over her where she lay with her baby boy sleeping on her breast, and told her all the story, ending with a proud glance at the child.

"He gave us our happiness, darling. We will name our boy after the man who wreaked on us such a revenge."

Goats That Climb Trees.

In the Atlas mountains of northern to her first lover. Some day when Africa there are goats which climb she was his wife, his very own, she trees to browse on the foliage. Some would whisper the story into his ear, of them have been seen standing erect and then they would bury poor John on the branches thirty feet from the ground, while others were lazily re-Somebody has said it was bad luck clining on the boughs gently rocked

BECAUSE OF SPRAINED ANKLES.

Cured by St. Jacobs Oil.

(From the Cardiff Times.) Among the thousands of voluntary endorsements of the great value of Et. wedding dress. The air was very Jacob's Oil for sprains, stiffness and screness, is that of Mrs. G. Thomas. 4 Alexandra Road, Gelli, Ysbrod, near "Come in." she called to the knock | Pontypridd. South Wales, who says:

"It is with great pleasure that I add my wiling testimony to the invaluable "Oh, Miss Alice! law, Miss, how excellence of your celebrated St. Jabeautiful you do look. The gentle- cobs Oil, as experienced in my own man is downstairs and wants to see case. I sprained both my ankles in walking down some steps so severely The gentleman! Of course she that I was unable to stand for several meant Dent. She had a great mind | months. The pain I suffered was most to run down just as she was, to hear | severe and nothing that I used helped if he would echo the little maid's ver- | me until I applied St. Jacobs Oil, when not to be resisted, and gathering up about, and soon after I was quite her silken skirts she ran lightly down | cured. I am now determined to adthe stairs. The room was in shadow, vise all persons suffering from pains table burning dimly; but sitting in a did so much for me." corner on the sofa she saw a man's

progressive medical man.

Flower Culture. Flower culture is no longer looked "Have pity." she waited, in answer, | beautiful, and florists are becoming department of agriculture calls atten-"Men do not forget," he answered, tion to the fact that in the southern could produce the essential oil, or attar of roses on an extensive scale to great advantage. According to official authority an acre of ground will produce 1,500 pounds of rose petals, from which five ounces of the attar may be distilled, and this quantity is worth on the market \$45 to \$85. The rose water which remains amounts to 306 gallons to the acre, which is worth from 75 cents to \$1 a gallon. Lavender gives a net profit of \$100 to the acre. Pure lard saturated with the scene of flowerspomade—is worth \$6 to \$7.50 a pound. Cologne of the finest quality, obtained by soaking the pomade or saturated lard in alcohol, is worth all the way up to \$17 a pint. Other perfumes are

Geronimo, who has had more crimes laid to him than any other Indian warrior, is a good Indian these days, and leads a quiet and peaceful life. He is now a prisoner at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the officers allow him all the privileges possible under the rules governing prisoners of war. Although a prisoner he is paid \$35 a month as a government scout, but is not allowed to carry a loaded gun. He has no work to do, and spends much of his time making bead work and other fancy articles, which he sells to white visitors. Out of this trade, it is said, he makes \$2,000 a year. When the old warrior is asked if he has saved any money, he says: "Me no save any money-me spend it on squaws and heap gladness." By squaws he means wives, and he has several, but he does not live with any of them, preferring The next day a little note was put a tent in summer and a grass wickiup

Siberia has long been sending butter I was a child, and I forgot you and it formerly was. Last year the imports of Siberian butter were valued at £1,400,000, and this year it is esti-His own life stretched bare and mated that they will reach the value

Siberian Butter in England.

be practically unlimited, and it is possible that the opening of Siberia may affect the dairy industry of these countries as disastrously as the opening up of America affected the wheat-growing industry. It is also expected that Siberia will shortly flood the English market with poultry, game and meat.

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Quill pens are prepared for use by sorting them, drying them in hot sand, scraping them so as to remove the out She knew that Dent had taken her er skin, then hardening them in dilut-

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turns his cattle out on the prairie, and | 4,480. when he is not using his horses he abundance of food, they never wander away.

diet, and say that he, too, thought her they immediately became better daily, would believe it, if we could only had At all druggists, also. Sample rang. Adbeautiful. The impulse of vanity was and in a short time I was able to go the apple trees. But as it is, we have many varieties of fruit-strawberries. cranberries, saskatoons, hackleverries. red and black currants, dewberries, to use this wonderful remedy, which plums, red and black cherries, and one in migrants, mostly Americans and red raspherries. All of these fruits. Spanish farm workers, have landed in land produces 80 tons of sugar can-Mrs. Thomas does not enlighten us grow wild. Then the flowers that dot Cuba in the last three years. The numas to what treatment she pursued dur- the prairies, making them look like a ber also includes about 1,000 Chinese. ing the months she was unable to real garden. We have gaten of the stand, and during which time she was | wild red currents, and they are equal suffering so much, but we venture to if not superior to those grown in cal programmes announced in the Chisuggest that had she called in any Michigan. We have sweet corn 742 rage orchestra's prospectus for the seawell-known medical man he would inches high. As the Western farmers | son on the part of local musical folk | Of the 110,000 American soldiers who have at once prescribed St. Jacobs Oil, are all done seeding, branding cattle will be presented at this week's con- participated in the Mexican war, only for it has conquered pain upwards of and sheep shearing are now progress- certs, to be given on Friday afternoon about 5,000 are living. fifty years, and doctors know there is ing. Wool is only five cents a pound, and Saturday evening at the Auditonothing so good. The proprietors of and many ranchers have on hand last rium and at the usual hours, under St. Jacob's oil have been awarded year's clip. I enclose you a potato the direction of Theodore Thomas. In Sold by draggists, 10% per package, twelve gold medals by different inter- blessom, slice of new potato, which these programmes, of which there are national exhibitions as the premier measured 612 inches when cut. This to be six in all, Mr. Thomas proposes pain-killing remedy of the world. The is no fairy tale, as we are so much to show the progress which has been comotive is 100 gallons of lubricating commuttees who made the awards were farther than Reed City. It is all made during the last 300 years in the oil a year. in each instance composed largely of facts. Come up and see, This way of orchestral composition-its dethe most eminent medical men ob- has been truly called the 'garden of velopment from its most primitive tainable. Mrs. Thomas evidently did the west.' With fruits and flowers, state up to the fall flower of nineteenth O. Engsley, Vanburen. ind., Feb. 10, 1900. St. Jacobs Oil is held by almost every tiful rivers, tracts of timber and mountains, what more does a man

Western Canada will be cheerfully good. But the two years had passed "I came for my bride," he said. "Is upon as a mere amusement nor is it given by communicating with the agent of the government of Canada. whose advertisement appears else

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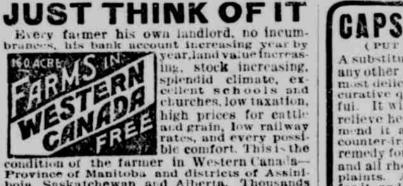
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